

Farm Bill Reform

The Agricultural Act of 2014

This Farm Bill represents the most significant reform in agriculture policy in decades. The bill saves \$23 billion by ending direct payments, eliminating more than 100 duplicative programs and authorizations, and cracking down on fraud and abuse.

Eliminates Direct Payments Direct Payments and two other farm subsidy programs are repealed, cutting \$23.3 billion. Direct Payments are made to farmers regardless of losses, price or disaster. This bill takes a responsible risk management approach that will support farmers only when they suffer a substantial loss because of events beyond their control.

Conservation Compliance The 2014 Farm Bill includes an historic new agreement that is one of the most significant strides in land and water conservation policy in decades. The agreement, reached between conservation and agriculture organizations, requires farmers to engage in conservation compliance practices in order to receive federal crop insurance benefits. The agreement ensures crop insurance will remain strong while conserving millions of acres of vulnerable lands and natural resources that our nation's farmers and ranchers will rely on for generations to come.

Ends Farm Payments to Millionaires Strict new limits prevent any person with an adjusted gross income of more than \$900,000 from receiving farm program payments. **Consolidates Programs** The bill eliminates or consolidates more than 100 programs or authorizations and streamlines remaining programs to get better results with fewer taxpayer dollars.

Addresses Farm Payments to Non-Farmers This bill requires USDA to close the "management loophole" by updating its definition of management and allowing USDA for the first time to place limits on the number of managers who can qualify for payments on each farm.

Tightens Payment Limits The bill stops any single person from receiving more than \$125,000 per year in farm payments, capping marketing loan gains for the first time ever while still allowing flexibility for farmers to manage their risk.

Closing Loopholes The bill cracks down on trafficking of food assistance benefits, stops lottery winners from being able to qualify for benefits, and tightens eligibility requirements, ensuring that benefits go only to those in need.